

The Metrowest Public Library is a valuable institution and essential supporter of this community. Through our inclusion and cultural programs, fair access to information, and neighborhood partnerships, we have created a relationship of reciprocity between all members within our society.

One way we are accomplishing this is understanding our neighborhood has a large Haitian Creole population. Our collaboration with local Haitian American chapters to put into effect a book club showcasing the rich history of Haitian culture, comprising of visits from several Haitian authors, has established an even greater diverse demographic inside our institution. These new patrons have benefited significantly from our fantastic collection of resources, including language courses, resume workshops, job fairs, and computer training that has effectively increased literacy and information expertise. It has resulted in voter turnout among the Haitian Creole population nearly doubling in the last election. Due to our accomplishments, local schools have requested resources on teaching diversity to their students and staff.

Our social impact extends far beyond the library walls, as our Community Pass provides free or affordable access to cultural and educational institutions throughout our community. Anyone with a library card can visit locales such as museums, galleries, theatrical performances, as well as local zoos and parks free of charge or with reduced rates. This ongoing partnership has welcomed additional visitors to these sites while

simultaneously increasing our library card allocations. It is a wonderful incentive for students and families to apply for their own personal cards.

The Metrowest Public Library has served as a pillar to this community for almost a decade thanks to our ability to collaborate with our civic members to build a society of increased cultural awareness. Through our local community partnerships, in-person programs, and cultural initiatives, our library has made a difference on a regional and national level.